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- Among the many Cominformists arrested in Slovenia during January were Vito Zupane, prominent party member and Bogumil Kristan, an old-guard Communist. The latter was honored by the State following his liberation in 1945 from a Nazi concentration camp.
- Dr. Lemez (fnu) and Dusan Kermauer (or Kermaner)*, pre-war Communists
 and functionaries of the Communist Party of Slovenia, are Cominformists.
 To date they have not been arrested.
- 3. Plevije in Montenegro is the site of a concentration camp for Cominformists. At the penitentiary of Pozarevac in Zabela, 120 government officials, charged with Cominformism, are kept in solitary confinement.
- 4. A battle between Yugoslav troops and Cominform guerrillas allegedly took place recently at Kolasin in Montenegro. Guerrillas led by one Bulatovic (fnu). Outnumbered, the guerrillas retreated across the Albanian Frontier.
- 5. During early February the UDB arrested at Pazin, Istria, Dusan Diminic and Vlado (?) Stefancic, who were former partisan officers, Political Commissars and prominent members of the Regional Committee of the Communist Party for Istria, on charges of Cominformism. At the same time Sestan (fnu), President of the Regional Committee, was apprehended by UDB in Fiume. The arrests were preceded by a special session held in late January by the Regional Committee.

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